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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD OF ENCAPSULATING
HARD DISC DRIVE AND OTHER
ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS

Examiner: Jill Lynne Heitbrink

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